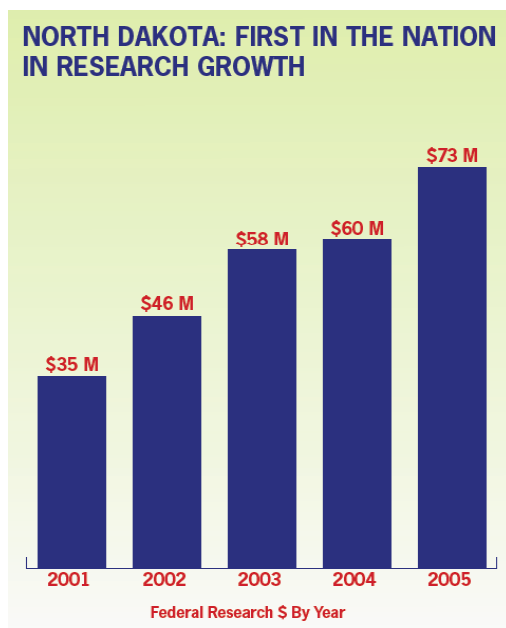




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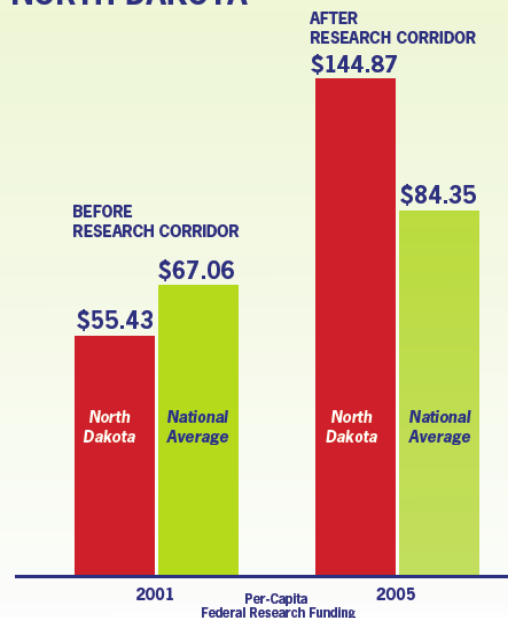
## North Dakota Ranks 1st in Growth of Federal R&D Funding to Colleges and Universities

A recent National Science Foundation report shows that North Dakota ranks first among the states in the percent growth of federal R&D obligations to colleges and universities from 2001-2005.



The federal government made obligations of \$25 billion in R&D to colleges and universities in fiscal year 2005 -- a 4.8 percent increase from the FY 2004 total of \$23.8 billion, according to new National Science Foundation (NSF) data.

## RESEARCH CORRIDOR BOOSTS FEDERAL RESEARCH IN NORTH DAKOTA



Over the five-year period from 2001-2005 federal R&D obligations grew by 29 percent but a few states experienced much larger changes. North Dakota showed the largest increase in federal R&D obligations at 106.7 percent, followed by Nevada (91.6 percent), Idaho (81.4 percent), Hawaii (68.6 percent) and Louisiana (61.4 percent).

U.S Senator Byron Dorgan says "Yet another National Science Foundation report shows clearly that our efforts to bring federal research dollars to the state's universities and colleges are having a significant impact."

Senator Dorgan launched the Red River Valley Research Corridor in 2002 to use science and technology as an engine to help bolster the region's economy. Today, the Research Corridor is stimulating a cycle of federal research funds that capitalizes on the strengths of North Dakota's two major research institutions: North Dakota State

University and the University of North Dakota.

For more information about the Red River Valley Research Corridor go to <http://www.theresearchcorridor.com>

An economic impact study of the Research Corridor conducted by NDSU Professor Dr. Larry Leistritz showed that its total impact topped \$750 million from 2002 through 2006. The salary of a job created in research during that time was \$56,000.

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#### The National Science Foundation Data:

In its report, Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions: Fiscal Year 2005, NSF details all categories of direct federal science and engineering support to institutions of higher education in the U.S.

“Obligations are the amounts for orders placed, contracts awarded, services received, and similar transactions during a given period,

regardless of when the funds were appropriated and when future payment of money is required,” according to the report. “Obligations differ from expenditures in that funds allocated by federal agencies during one fiscal year may be spent by the recipient institution either partially or entirely during one or more subsequent years.”

Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions: Fiscal Year 2005 is available at: <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf07333/>